

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A magnetic tape comprising:

a pair of flexible strips being connected in a face to face relationship with one another and intermediate said connections defining a plurality of pockets; and

a plurality of magnets each being housed within respective of the pockets to permit movement of the magnets therein.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of as defined in claim 1, wherein the pair of flexible strips are directly bonded to one another.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of as defined in claim 2, wherein the pair of flexible strips are welded to one another.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1, wherein the flexible strips are constructed of a polymeric and substantially impervious material.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1, wherein the magnets are each disc-shaped.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1, wherein the magnets are rare earth magnets.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1, wherein the magnets are spaced longitudinally along the strips in one or more rows.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The A magnetic tape of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1, wherein each of the magnets within the tape is oriented such that the polarity of the magnets is uniform relative to respective of the pair of flexible strips.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The A magnet tape of as defined in any one of the preceding claims 1, comprising at least one means for carrying an article.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A method of fabricating a magnetic tape, said method comprising the steps of:

locating a plurality of magnets in spaced apart relationship between a pair of flexible strips;

connecting the pair of flexible strips in a face to face relationship with one another wherein a plurality of pockets are formed intermediate said connections, each of the magnets being housed within respective of the pockets which permit movement of the magnets therein.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The A method of as defined in claim 10, wherein the magnets are sequentially located between the pair of strips which are then connected to one another.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The A method of as defined in claim 10, wherein the magnets are in a series of batches located between the pair of strips which are then continuously connected to one another.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The A method of as defined in any one of claims 10, to 12-wherein the steps of connecting the pair of strips involve involves welding the strips to one another.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The A method as defined in any one of claims 10, to 13 being including a continuous or semi-continuous process for the production of a continuous length of the magnetic tape.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A packaging arrangement for a plurality of magnets, said arrangement comprising:

a pair of flexible strips being connected in a face to face relationship with one another and intermediate said connections defining a plurality of pockets; and

a plurality of magnets each being housed within respective of the pockets to permit movement of the magnets therein.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The A packaging arrangement of Claim 15, wherein the flexible strips are portions in the form of a magnetic tape, as defined in any one of claims 2 to 8.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The A packaging arrangement of Claim 15, as defined in either of claims 15 or 16 wherein an the interior of the pockets is coated with a substance that reduces rusting of the magnets.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The A packaging arrangement as defined in either of claims 15, or 16 wherein the pockets are charged with a substance that reduces rusting of the magnets.